

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CARL BOYETT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carl Boyett, who was honored as Citizen of the Year by American Legion Post 74 during a Veterans Day ceremony in Modesto, California on November 11, 2011.

This special event is a celebration to honor local citizens and our Nation's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good, and the residents of the local area can join hands in this common purpose of gratitude and remembrance.

A resident of Modesto, Carl Boyett won an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1963, and obtained the unique experience of marching with the honors company at the late President John F. Kennedy's funeral service.

Mr. Boyett joined the United States Army in 1967, where he displayed the utmost bravery during his 12 months of duty in Vietnam. He served valiantly during the Tet Offensive, and he returned to civilian life in 1970 after advancing to the rank of E-5.

Earning a Master of Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University, Carl Boyett has provided masterful leadership and results-oriented vision as Chief Executive Officer of Boyett Petroleum since 1970 and as President of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America in Washington, D.C.

Renowned for his generosity of spirit and genuine capacity to share his time and talents with other, Carl Boyett has participated in numerous enterprises with evidence of lasting contributions to the community. He's board chairman for the Gallo Center for the Arts and is a trustee for the California State University Stanislaus Foundation. He's also been a past president of the Stanislaus County Credit Union Bureau Foundation, the Modesto Symphony Orchestra, the Stanislaus Presidents Club, the Credit Bureau of Stanislaus County, Modesto Sunrise Rotary and Modesto Jaycees.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Carl Boyett for the significant contributions he has made to the people of the local community and for his honorable and faithful service to the United States of America and the State of California.

COMMENDING REPEAL OF ANTI-PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES LEGISLATION BY OHIO VOTERS

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the voters of Ohio for stand-

ing up for working people in their state and across the country. On Tuesday, November 8, Ohio voters overwhelmingly rejected another Republican attempt to infringe on the rights of working people and sent a strong signal to the House Republican leadership to get serious about addressing the jobs crisis in America.

In a landslide victory for the rights of working people, Ohio voters overwhelmingly repealed S.B. 5, a measure passed by the Republican-controlled state legislature in March. S.B. 5 would have severely limited the ability of public employees to collectively bargain by, among other things, revoking their ability of to strike. Tuesday's vote is but the latest rejection of Republican efforts to protect the top one percent at the expense of the bottom 99 percent.

Ohio voters spoke loudly on behalf of everyday Americans across the country and strong opposition to Republican efforts to balance the budget on the backs of working people. Firefighters, police officers, teachers and other public employees did not cause the financial meltdown or the recession. They do, however, serve and enrich our communities every day by educating our kids, protecting our homes, our businesses and our people. Republican attempts to limit the collective bargaining rights of public employees—including their right to strike—represent how out of touch their agenda is with the American people.

Over the past year, the House Republican leadership has repeatedly attempted to roll back the hard won gains of working people. I have consistently opposed these efforts and will continue to do so. Working people, including public sector employees, are the backbone of society. They deserve a decent wage, access to quality healthcare and the peace of mind that they will have a stable pension benefit as they head into retirement.

In contrast, the American people are embracing President Obama's American Jobs Act, which is supported by wide margins. The American Jobs Act provides relief to state governments facing budgetary shortfalls. The President's plan, which I strongly support, would prevent layoffs and encourage hiring of teachers, firefighters, and police officers by investing \$35 billion into state and local governments. That is why it is imperative that house Republican leadership bring the President's jobs bill to the floor for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are tired of being unfairly punished for an economic recession caused by he irresponsible and reckless conduct of some of those on Wall Street. I call upon the House Republican leadership to abandon efforts to protect Wall Street at all costs by punishing Main Street at every turn. It is time for the House leadership to compromise with Democrats and President Obama and adopt policies that will put people back to work and help our economy grow.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—NICHOLAS KIRIAZES

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Nicholas Kiriazes for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Nicholas has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby he is truly deserving of this honor not only because of his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, but also due to his commitment to the United States Marine Corps.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING BERNARD EPSTEIN

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a constituent, Bernard Epstein, for a lifetime dedicated to serving his community and his country.

Bernie's service began when he attended Columbia University on a Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship; adding military training to his demanding workload as a Chemistry major. Each summer during his time at Columbia, Bernie participated in a summer cruise with the Navy as a midshipman, learning valuable military and leadership skills in preparation for active duty service.

Upon his graduation with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Chemistry, Bernie was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He saw action in the Korean War with the Navy's 7th Fleet, whose units served in every major operation of that conflict.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Bernie continued his education at Columbia, eventually earning a Master's Degree in Engineering. Equipped with advanced skills and military experience, Bernie returned to service in the Defense Department as a civilian, developing ballistic missile programs with a special focus on inertial navigation. The early defense research and development programs Bernie participated in were the genesis of America's Space Program, and laid the foundation for manned space flight and countless scientific breakthroughs.

In 1996, after a long career with the Department of Defense, Bernie and his wife Naomi

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